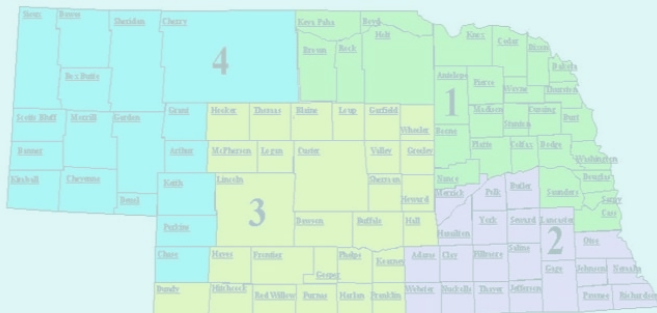


EMS NEWSLETTER

North Central Nebraska

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Trauma System Update



Trauma Region 3 Designated Trauma Centers:

Cambridge Memorial Hospital – Basic Level
Franklin County Memorial Hospital-Basic Level
Good Samaritan Hospital-Kearney-Advanced Level
McCook Community Hospital-Basic Level
St. Francis Medical Center-Grand Island-General Level

Trauma Region 1:

Region 1 will be beginning the hospital consultation and designation process soon.

Upcoming meetings:

April 24, 2006 – Region 3 Trauma Advisory Board meeting – Midtown Holiday Inn, 2503 S. Locust, Grand Island, 11 am-1 pm

May 5, 2006 – Statewide Trauma Advisory Board meeting – Good Samaritan Hospital, 10 E. 31st St., Kearney, 10 am-3 pm

All meetings are open public meetings.

For more information on the Nebraska Trauma System, go to:

<http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/ems/emstrauma.htm>

Newly Signed Rules & Regulations

The new rules and regulations for EMS were signed and were effective December 27, 2005. Until they are printed and distributed, you may go to the EMS website and get a copy of them.

Go to:

<http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/rcs/ems/ems.htm>

then click on “Rules and Regulations/Statutes”

Continuing Education Grant Application Deadline



Remember that if you haven't submitted your request for a continuing education grant class for your ambulance service, there is still time to do so. This would be for classes to be held between July 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006. You may go to the following website and apply:

<http://www.hhss.ne.gov/ems/emsedu.htm>

Simply click on either the “EMS Continuing Education Grant Application” OR “EMS Conference Grant Application” icon. Read the guidelines and fill out the application on-line. When you have filled out the entire application, click the “SUBMIT” button and you're done!

EMS Needs Assessment Survey Reminder

If your ambulance service has not submitted their needs assessment survey for EMS, please go to the following website and complete the survey:

<https://han.ne.gov/survey>

Pin Number: ems

If you do not have internet access, please contact Carol Jorgensen @ 308-440-4346 and request a hard copy.

You may also contact Carol if you are uncertain if your service has submitted a survey.

Thanks for your cooperation.

For Your Information...

In order for EMT's to use pulse oximeters or to provide nebulizer/albuterol treatment, they will have to take the training given by a certified EMS instructor through an approved training agency and have approval from their service's physician medical director.

In order for a first responder to utilize spinal and immobilization devices, he/she will have to complete the training through a training agency, be a member of a licensed service, and have approval from the service's physician medical director.

New Licensed Service

Fonner EMS of Grand Island became an EMS Basic Service on 01/20/06. Congratulations!

Helpful Website

Nebraska EMS:

<http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/rcs/ems/ems.htm>

Upcoming Conferences

Date	Conference	Location
March 17, 18, & 19	NEMSA Spring Conference	Columbus
June 2 & 3	Statewide CISM Conference	Grand Island
July 14, 15, & 16 (July 13 is a skill day)	Statewide EMS Conference	Kearney